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Job Opportunities in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the benefits of the development are not reaching the villagers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the poverty and unemployment have not decreased in rural areas of the country as targeted by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rural employment growth rate has stagnated in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it has led to decrease in per capita consumption of foodgrains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment employment opportunities in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Department of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay − Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana −Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, skilling of youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. These Programmes have direct and indirect bearing on poverty alleviation.

In order to ensure that the programme benefits reach the rural poor in full measure, the Department of Rural Development has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of its programmes which include Review by the Union Ministers, Performance Review Committee Meetings, National Level Monitors, Area Officers Schemes, Concurrent Evaluation and Impact Assessment Studies.

As per the reports/returns received from the state governments/UT Administrations, the implementation of these programmes have been found to be satisfactory. Rural poverty ratio, rural unemployment ratio and rural average monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) for the year 2011-12 viz-a-viz 2004-05 are as following: